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Michael A. Friedman, Commissioner Food and Drug Administration Parklawn Building 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, Maryland 20857

Dear Commissioner Friedman:

I support the organization In Defense of Animals (IDA) in seeking humane and compassionate treatment for all animals. I abhor the cruel and inhumane treatment of animals who are used unnecessarily for research.

I ask that the Food and Drug Administration stop requiring cruel and obsolete animal tests for pharmaceuticals. Instead, the FDA must allow companies to substitute *in vitro* tests for the safety of both humans and animals.

Please revise the FDA's policy and practice so that this reprehensible cruelty will be stopped.

Sincerely,

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